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In re Application of: Yutaka TSUCHIYA ✓)

U.S. Application No.: 09/848,252 ✓)

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR)
MEASURING INTERNAL INFORMATION)
OF SCATTERING MEDIUM)

Group Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents discussed below and the documents on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. The documents listed on the Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making the appropriate notations on the PTO Form 1449.

A translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") dated July 25, 2000 is also attached. The documents cited in the IPER are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the IPER.

An International Search Report ("ISR") dated January 27, 2000 is also attached. The documents cited in the ISR are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the ISR.

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The following documents are listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 and are in a language other than English. As for relevance, English language Abstracts are provided for document nos. 1-5.

1. JP 10-111238 (English language Abstract included)
2. JP 10-073481 (English language Abstract included)
3. JP 07-163571 (English language Abstract included)
4. JP 08-094517 (English language Abstract included)
5. JP 09-061343 (English language Abstract included)

Moreover, document nos. 1, 2, and 4 are discussed at page 1 of the specification, and document no. 5 is discussed at page 7 of the specification. An English language document is also listed on the PTO Form 1449 and International Search Report. Document nos. 1, 2, and 3 are also listed on the International Search Report.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

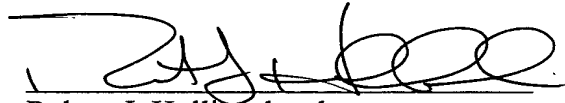
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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